January 27, 1982

Dear David:

Enclosed are two copies of the document from Carbondale City Council granting the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall permission to use the tower room on the third floor of Carbondale City Hall as a base of operations. In the near future, John Buberniak and I (and perhaps others) will begin the restoration of the room.

As I reported to you on Monday morning, January 25th, Tom Horlacher has requested that we reschedule the examination of City Hall for Saturday, February 6, 1982 at 10 A.M. We decided to cancel the examination that was scheduled for January 23rd, 1982 because of the snowstorm on that day.

On February 5 and 6, I will devote most of my time to cleaning out the pigeon manure and rubble from the tower of City Hall. My younger brother, Russell, has agreed to construct a system of pulleys so that the manure and rubble can be lowered to street level with a minimum of back-breaking effort. He has a couple of friends who are willing to help out in this endeavor, and John Buberniak has said that he will be there on Saturday. Will it be possible to state in the issue of THE CARBONDALE NEWS that is published on February 3rd that the Committee is seeking volunteers to help clean out the mess on the floors below the level of the clock? Volunteers are needed between 10 and 5 on Friday and between noon and 5 on Saturday.

Two photographs that might be good for future issues of the NEWS:

(1) Tom Horlacher and Committee members examining City Hall on February 6th

(2) Cleaning out the Tower of Carbondale City Hall: a pulley out the window, a dump truck full of pigeon manure. The cleaning operation should be in full swing by noon on Friday.

As I type this letter, the bell and clock in the tower of City Hall are, in all probability, fully operational! I can't believe it! The approach that we have to take now, it seems to me, is: "Now that the Clock and the Bell are working again, let's take care of the roof..."

Who should we have pick the winning raffle ticket on February 18th? How about a church leader from the community? Rev. Pullis of the Baptist Church has attended a couple of the Committee's meetings. He may be willing to pick the winner. It also seems to me that we should organize some kind of "event" for 18th of February when the winner is picked. We can discuss this at the meeting on February 4th. Maybe we can get the High School band and have a small program and then the drawing.

Sincerely,

Robert Powell